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Bentonite clay

* 662 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state the steps the Government propose to take to exploit the bentonite clay found in the Madras City for commercial use?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : No bentonite clay deposits have been found in the Madras City. Deposits have been found to occur in Chingleput and South Arcot Districts. There are no proposals to exploit these deposits.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : May I know the purposes for which the clay can be used?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The major uses are in refining petroleum and vegetable oils to remove the colouring matter. It is also used for the same purpose in fats and greases.

Due to its thinning properites and sealing nature, it is used in drilling.

In foundry work, bentonite is used as a bonding agent in moulding of sand. In this process both types of clays are used.

It is used for decolourising liquors.

It is also used in ceramics, refractories, thermal and accoustical insulations.

It is used for spraying insecticide solutions in horticultural gardens; bentonite is mixed with the solution and used.

In paper and rubber industry, bentonite finds some use.

It is used to prevent leakage in earth work and masonry and also in asphalt emulsions.

In laundries, bentonite is used like fullers earth to clean heavily soiled clothes.

SRI A. GOVINDASAMY : இந்தக் களிமண் தென் ஆற்காடு மாவட்டத்தில் கிடைப்பதாக அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் சொன்னார்கள். அந்த மாவட்டத்தில் இந்தக் களி மண்ணைக் கொண்டு ஒரு தொழிற்சாலையை ஏற்படுத்த அரசாங்கம் முன் வருமா ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : தென் ஆற்காடு மட்டுமல்ல, செங்கற்பட்டு மாவட்டத்திலும் கிடைக்கிறது. இதை எவ்வாறு பயன்படுத்துவது என்பதில், தனி நபர் யாராவது ஒரு தொழில் ஏற்படுத்த முன் வந்தால், அதற்குப் பிறகு பரிசீலனை செய்யப்படும்.

Aid to students Participating in International Tournaments

* 663 *Q.*—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMY PILLAI (on behalf of Sri T. T. Daniel) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any funds are allotted by the Government for aiding students to participate in International and World Tournaments;

(*b*) if so, the amount spent during the last four years; and